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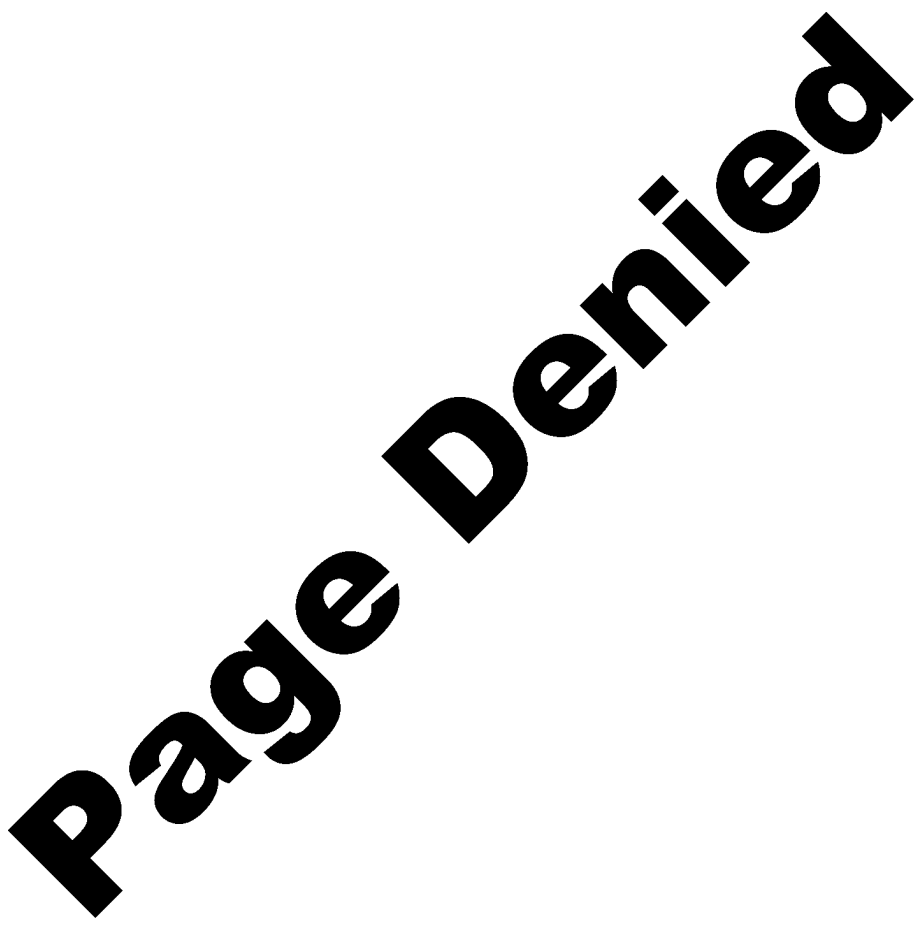

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The Castro regime sees the recent World Youth Festival in Havana as a useful exercise to have hosted. Familiar propaganda charges against the US were aired again at an anti-imperialist "tribunal" staged during the conference.

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Cuban leader Castro

The Cuban Government views the 11th World Festival of Youth and Students, held in Havana from 28 July to 5 August, as a success.

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The Delegations

One casualty of the Festival may be Cuban-Argentine relations. Castro, in addressing the closing session, again included Argentina in a list of Latin American countries he believed merited opprobrium for continued abuses of human rights.

Castro has long been frustrated by having to deal with a government he believes is responsible for the disappearance of two Cuban diplomats in Buenos Aires in 1976, and he reportedly told leaders of the Latin American delegations at the Festival that while Havana would take no action to break with Buenos Aires, he would not care if the Argentine Government did so. Castro prefers to provoke other countries to terminate relations with Havana rather than taking the initative himself.

Crowds celebrate the World Youth Festival in Havana

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